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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of July 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 3-9, 16 and 22 as follows:

- 1. (Twice Amended) A method of screening a substance for usefulness in the treatment of a lipid metabolism dysfunction comprising contacting said substance with a ROR α receptor, or a response element thereof involved in the regulation of the apo C-III gene, and measuring the level of apo C-III gene expression.
- 3. (Twice Amended) A method of screening a substance for usefulness in the treatment of a lipid metabolism dysfunction, comprising contacting said substance with (a) a ROR α receptor involved in the regulation of the expression of the apo C-III gene, (b) a response element of a ROR α receptor, or (c) a nuclear factor which functionally couples ROR α to a RNA polymerase complex, and then measuring: